

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 18 1500 Hours 12 September 2006

New Information in Italics and Bold

SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Hurricane Readiness Level 5, Response Operations condition. Efforts now focus on damage assessments and meeting immediate assistance needs.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring National Weather Service forecasts, producing Situation Reports, and assisting in damage assessments compilation.

VDEM Priorities: Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; coordinate an efficient and effective state response effort with heavy emphasis on the City of Richmond; manage an aggressive response to requests for assistance; keep stakeholders and the public informed and compile Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA).

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

On 8 September, the Governor requested a presidential disaster declaration for Individual Assistance to include nine localities: the counties of Accomack, Gloucester, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex and Northumberland, and the cities of Hampton, Newport News and Richmond and has requested Public Assistance for 25 localities: the counties of Accomack, Caroline, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Essex, Gloucester, Isle of Wight, James City, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northampton, Northumberland, Richmond, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland and York, and the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson and Richmond.

Marine Resources Commission developed language for amended Executive Order which, if accepted, would provide for an expedited state permitting for pier and shoreline restoration.

Protective Actions: **Local Activation of EOC:**
Richmond City – Reactivated 4 September @ 1100

Local State of Emergency Declared
James City County – 7 September @ 1200
York County – 1 September @ 0900
City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900
City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1130
City of Newport News – 1 September @ 1200
Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230
Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200
Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200
Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400
Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830
Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600
Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200
Mathews County – 1 September @ 1215

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Adjacent Jurisdictions:

North Carolina declared a State of Emergency

West Virginia declared State of Emergency.

ESF 15 – External Affairs: Continuing to respond to media inquiries, coordinating legislative inquiries, and developing an announcement strategy for a potential Presidential Disaster declaration.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tropical Storm/Hurricane Florence does not appear to pose a threat to the Commonwealth. ***However, the storm combined with higher than normal astronomical tides will continue to cause minor flooding in low lying areas and stronger ocean surf. The VEOC continues to monitor the storm for potential impacts on response operations; in addition the VEOC is monitoring Tropical Storm Gordon and Tropical Depression Eight.***

Tonight: Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 54. East wind around 6 mph becoming calm.

Wednesday: Afternoon showers likely, with a high near 72 and Low of 58. Calm wind becoming south around 6 mph.

OPERATIONS SECTION

STATE WARNING POINT: Monitoring National Weather Service advisories and forecasts.

LOCAL LIAISON: Completed requests for assistance from localities are listed in prior Situation Reports.

<u>Request</u>	<u>Locality</u>	<u>Status</u>
Water Pumps	City of Richmond	In Progress

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services: *VDH reports 13 systems are under boil water notices BWN). Portions of the following counties under this advisory are Essex, Lancaster, Middlesex, Northumberland, Goochland, and Chesterfield. An estimate of the total population affected by the BWN is now at 1,674.*

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 6 – Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services: As of 1400 hours 11 September the American Red Cross reports all Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) have been recalled. All ARC Shelters closed. Greater Richmond Chapter reports a total of 58 cases open. Northumberland Chapter reports a total of 6 cases open. Approximate totals for event to date are 2020 for cleanup kits and 28807 meals/snacks provided.

RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage Assessment Report:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public*</u>
Accomack County	\$3,085,000	\$871,169.96*
Alexandria	\$20,000	\$20,000
Amelia County	N/A	\$29,121.73*
Appomattox County	N/A	\$8,782.98
Arlington County	N/A	\$2,000*

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Bedford County	N/A	\$3,218.07
Brunswick County	N/A	\$17,427.86 *
Buckingham County	N/A	\$478.68
Campbell County	N/A	\$16,119.47
Caroline County	\$9,000	\$76,200*
Charles City County	N/A	\$5,800*
Charlotte County	N/A	\$14,225.71 *
Chesterfield County	\$100,000	\$30,573.84*
City of Chesapeake	\$20,700**	\$449,304
Chincoteague, Town of	\$254,000	\$111,500
Colonial Heights, City of	\$12,000	N/A
Cumberland County	N/A	\$16,825.28*
Dinwiddie County	\$75,000	\$141,514.75*
Essex County	\$1,250,000	\$145,192.19*
Fairfax County	N/A	\$70,000*
Franklin County	N/A	\$75,000*
Goochland County	N/A	\$2,000*
Gloucester County	\$1,336,460	\$607,656*
Greensville County	N/A	\$38,604*
Hampton City	\$443,000**	\$39,000
Hanover County	N/A	\$2,000*
Henrico County	N/A	\$10,000*
Henry County	\$30,000	N/A
Hopewell City	\$5,000	\$28,000
Isle of Wight County	N/A	\$280,000*
James City County	\$150,000	\$250,000*
King George County	\$1,000,000	\$374,000*
King and Queen County	N/A	\$135,804.90*
King William County	N/A	\$105,964.81*
Lancaster County	N/A	\$158,000*
Loudoun County	N/A	\$35,000*
Lunenburg County	N/A	\$43,842.16*
Mathews County	\$3,168,000	\$205,000*
Mecklenburg County	N/A	\$12,331.51 *
Middlesex County	\$8,540,925	\$510,000*
New Kent County	\$552,000	\$19,500*
Newport News, City of	\$4,072,000	\$125,275*
Norfolk City	N/A	\$369,396
Northampton County	\$7,744,653	\$204,162.68 *
Northumberland County	\$18,805,000	\$697,000*
Nottoway County	N/A	\$32,368.11 *
Petersburg, City of	\$20,000	N/A
Pittsylvania County	N/A	\$4,724.05
Poquoson, City of	\$406,000	\$92,100
Powhatan County	\$100,000	\$43,301.98*
Prince Edward	N/A	\$34,097.21
Prince George County	\$315,500	\$27,000*
Prince William County	N/A	\$40,000*
Richmond City	\$9,000,000	\$39,280,321
Richmond County	\$1,600,000	\$178,000*
Southampton County	N/A	\$55,100*
Spotsylvania County	N/A	\$22,000*
Stafford County	N/A	\$36,500*
Surry County	N/A	\$159,300*
Sussex County	N/A	\$85,000*
Virginia Beach, City of	\$225,000	\$75,000
Westmoreland County	N/A	\$118,500*

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York County	\$517,000	\$937,000*
Total	\$62,856,238**	\$47,580,603.93*

*includes VDOT and Electric Cooperative estimates

** includes residential, business, and agriculture estimates

As of 1400 hours 12 September, State Agencies are reporting a total of \$384,885 in damages.

Damage Assessment Team: VDEM has set close of business September 15, 2006 for submission of all updates or revisions to locality specific damage assessment data. This deadline has been communicated to emergency managers in VDEM's Regions 1 and 5.

PLANNING SECTION

Planning: Monitor and review incoming situational status and damage assessments, distribute Situation Reports and prepare for the transition of activities to the Joint Field Office (JFO) following a Presidential Declaration.

LOCAL ACTIVITY SECTION

A meeting was held in Newport News, John Marshall Elementary School at 6:30pm on Monday, September 11, 2006. Several State and local entities were in attendance including US Senator Allens' office, Representative Scott, Virginia Senator Locke, Delegate BaCote, US Army Corps of Engineers and VDEM.

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